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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES \$10 MILLION FOR NORTHERN COLORADO HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECTS INCLUDE HIGHWAY 34/I-25, HIGHWAY 395/I-25 INTERCHANGES

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Chairman of the Senate Housing and Transportation Subcommittee, has secured \$10 million for improvements to Northern Colorado highways in the final version of the transportation authorization bill that emerged from a conference committee on Wednesday. The transportation bill is expected to be approved by the House and Senate by Friday and signed into law by President Bush early next week.

The bill provides \$2 million for the Highway 34/I-25 Interchange, \$2 million for the Highway 395/I-25 Interchange and \$6 million for improvements to I-25 between Denver and Fort Collins.

Senator Allard was a member of the House-Senate Conference Committee that ironed out differences between the U.S. House and Senate versions of the transportation legislation and secured a total of \$110 million for specific transportation projects.

"More than three years of hard work and negotiations on the transportation bill have paid off for Northern Colorado with \$10 million specifically directed to the region in the bill," said Senator Allard. "The transportation bill is going to help the infrastructure keep pace with the rapid pace of growth in Northern Colorado."

"Colorado's transportation needs continue to grow," added Senator Allard. "As a member of the conference committee, I was pleased to be able to secure \$110 million for a long list of critically-needed highway projects throughout Colorado."

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